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LETTER DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith an information bulletin on the measures taken by Iraq in fulfilment of the requirements of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) during the month of August 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Measures taken by Iraq in fulfilment of the requirements of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) during the month of August 1993

I. SECTION C OF RESOLUTION 687 (1991)

1. Chemical Destruction Group (UNSCOM 38)

The Chemical Destruction Group continued work at the Muthanna site as usual. Since 18 June 1992, the Group has been supervising the destruction of chemical ordnance by the Iraqi side.

2. Camera installation team

Under the leadership of [Bill] Eckert, the Group continued its work at the Rafah and Al-Yawm al-Azim sites, having started on 25 July 1993. After completing its work, the group left Iraq on 5 August 1993.

3. UNSCOM technical team

The UNSCOM technical team, comprising 13 members and led by the Russian national Nikita Smidovich, arrived in Iraq on 9 August 1993. The team held a number of meetings with the Iraqi side concerning the use of the Russian AN-30 reconnaissance aircraft. The team also visited the Rashid airbase. A meeting was held between the team leader and the Director of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The team left Iraq on 12 August 1993 for Bahrain.

4. UNSCOM 62/ballistic missile team

The UNSCOM 62/ballistic missile team, comprising two inspectors and led by the United States national Guy [Martelle], arrived in Iraq on 25 August 1993. The team visited the Al-Yawm al-Azim site, the Ibn al-Haitham centre and the Rafah site. On 30 August 1993, the team attended a test which was carried out at the Al-Yawm al-Azim site. During the test, an explosion occurred which caused a fire and destroyed apparatus and equipment located at the facility, including one of the surveillance cameras installed at the site.

5. Aerial Inspection Team

During the month of August 1993, the UNSCOM helicopter unit carried out the tasks entrusted to it with the cooperation and assistance of the Iraqi side, making 21 flights for the purpose of transporting teams to and from inspection sites. The Aerial Inspection Team also made 12 flights during which it surveyed, photographed and inspected 18 sites.

6. Nuclear inspection teams

There was no inspection team during the month of August. The Chief of the Action Team at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) sent a number of letters, all of which were answered by the Iraqi side.

II. RETURN OF PROPERTY

Further to our letter for the month of July 1993:

1. The fifth and sixth stages of the hand-over of military items and equipment pertaining to the naval forces began on 14 August and continued until 31 August 1993.

2. The nose and stern of the two destroyed A-4 aircraft were handed over to the Kuwaiti side in the Safwan area on 30 August 1993.